

## **Hungerford Town Council**

### **Public Report**

#### **Report to:**

Full Council meeting 4th November 2019. See also associated draft H2036 Site Assessment Criteria document circulated with this report.

#### **Agenda Item No X:**

Report from Hungerford 2036

#### **Current Activities**

The H2036 Project Team's primary focus in the past month has been on refining the housing site assessment criteria specific to Hungerford.

During October we have reviewed our housing site assessment criteria with WBC planning policy officers.

#### **Next steps**

The Hungerford 2036 Project Team are seeking ratification by the Town Council of the housing site assessment criteria so that they can be made public in readiness for the HELAA (Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/helaa>) publication by WBC which is now anticipated in late November. We would strongly recommend that Councillors review the introductory page for the criteria which we believe explains the context and answers some common concerns.

The HELAA publication will include WBC's initial assessments for all sites put forward to them over the last 2 years in their "call for sites" and will cover Suitability, Availability, Achievability but will not express any preferences or priorities between sites - that will be a task for the Hungerford Neighbourhood Plan.

The H2036 set of site selection criteria which will be the basis for the identification of the town's preferred and, potentially, later allocated development sites within the Neighbourhood Plan. These criteria have been informed by the H2036 research as well as previous consultations. References are included to the Hungerford 2036 Aims and Objectives sections which are here:-

(<http://www.hungerford2036.info//NPLibrary/Aims%20and%20Objectives%20Published.pdf>)

Once ratified by HTC, the site assessment criteria and covering explanation as distributed to HTC will be published for on-line comments through the Hungerford2036.info website.

Starting in 1Q2020 the H2036 project team will lead the process for examining site details, gathering public consultation input and assessing sites against the Town's criteria. The activity will be supported by a planning professional through the Plan-et consultancy.

**Signed:** John Downe, Joint Chair H2036  
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